

lepidoptera of Nower Wood currently being undertaken by the Croydon Natural History Society and appears to be a first record for north-east Surrey. — K. G. W. EVANS, 31 Havelock Road, Addiscombe, Surrey.

ARGYNNIS PAPHIA L. — UNUSUAL SITE FOR EGG-LAYING. — A female *paphia* normally lays her eggs on the trunks of well-grown forest trees. It was therefore a surprise to me on one occasion last summer to watch a female depositing on one of the clusters of dead flower heads of a rhododendron bush growing at the side of a ride in a local wood. She laid two eggs while I watched her, both on the same bunch of flowers and then flew off elsewhere. I could find no dog violet plants anywhere near the bush and so removed the old flower-head and attached it to the trunk of a large oak tree growing in a more favourable spot and where I hoped the little larvae, when they hatched, would have a better chance of survival. — Maj.-Gen. C. G. LIPSCOMB, Crockerton House, near Warminster, Wiltshire.

PERIDEA ANCEPS GOEZE=TREPIDA ESP. (GREAT PROMINENT) IN OCTOBER. — I took a somewhat worn male example of this species from my m.v. trap at Pont-a-Dulas, Llanafan Fawr, near Builth Wells, Breconshire, on 7th October, 1977. — Dr. H. G. PARKER, 2 Oaks Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1GE. [This would appear to have been a case of a partial second generation, though there is no previous record it seems of such having occurred before with this species, at least not in Britain. — Editor]

CYCLOPHORA PUPPILLARIA HBN. IN HANTS. — A single male specimen came to my moth trap here on the night of 24th October, 1977. — Dr. JOHN R. LANGMAID, 38 Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hants.

THE BRIMSTONE (GONEPTERYX RHAMNI L.) IN ARGYLLSHIRE IN 1977. — While sitting on the rocks on the north side of the beach at Calgary Bay, Mull on the morning of 5th July, a male *Gonepteryx rhamni* (L.) flew rapidly past in a southerly direction. Having considered the unusualness of this insect so far north of its general range, I contemplated a chase, which bearing in mind the speed of the rapidly receding butterfly, seemed likely to require a sprint the full width of the beach, probably half a mile. Add to the course a couple of score of holiday makers having their lunch on the sand and the fact that the last thing I chased was a bus some years ago, I decided that the possible devastation was hardly worth the effort. — D. E. WILSON, Joyce House, Green Tye, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

THE SILVER-STRIPED HAWKMOTH AND OTHER MIGRANTS IN HAMPSHIRE IN 1977. — On the night of 14th October there was a *Hippotion celerio* L. (Silver-striped hawkmoth) in the garden trap. Between 12th and 27th October there were six very pale *Mythimna vitellina* Hbn. (Delicate) and two *Othonama obstipata* F. (Gem.). Both *vitellina* and *obstipata* were last noted here in 1969. — C. H. DIXON, Northbrook Farm, Micheldever Station, Hampshire.